

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN POST OFFICE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foreign post office located in New Delhi remains the favoured route for smuggling narcotics from India;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to probe the matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANEMANICKAM)

(a) Cases of smuggling of narcotic drugs have been detected at the Foreign Post Office at New Delhi. The details of such cases are below:-

Year	No. of Cases	Description	Quantity in	Value
			of Narcotics (Kgs)	(Rs. in crores)
2003-04	5	Charas	8.965	0.09
2004-05	42	Charas	32.34	0.32
2005-06	51	Charas	18.95	0.19
(upto October-05)		Heroin	7.710	7.71
		Cocaine	4.745	2.37

(b) & (c) Strict watch is being kept at the New Delhi Foreign Post Office and the officers/staff have been alerted to thwart attempts to smuggle out narcotic drugs.

(d) Does not arise, in view of reply at (b) & (c) above.